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Sweden

This section provides you with an overview of Sweden's business register.

History of the national register

When was it founded?

The registration of businesses started in 1897.

The register of branches was added in 1955. (The Swedish Companies Registration Office took over the registration of branches in 1975).

The Swedish Companies Registration Office took over the registration of banks and insurance companies from the Financial Supervisory Authority in 2002.

When was it digitised?

Depending on the type of data, the information has been digitised since 1982. Since 2002 all incoming information for the register has been converted into digital format.

Applicable law

Primarily:

Aktiebolagslagen (Companies Act) (2005:551)

Aktiebolagsförfordningen (Companies Ordinance) (2005:559)

Årsredovisningslagen (Annual Accounts Act) (1995:1554)

Filiallagen (Branches Act) (1992:160)

Filialförfordningen (Branches Ordinance) (1992:308)

Lag (2004:297) om bank- och finansieringsrörelse (Act on banking and financial operations)

Förfordningen (2004:329) om bank- och finansieringsrörelse (Ordinance on banking and financial operations)

Lagen (1995:1559) om årsredovisning i kreditinstitut och värdepappersbolag (Act on annual accounts in credit institutions and investment firms)

Försäkringsrörelselagen (Act on insurance business) (2010:2043)

Försäkringsrörelseförfordningen (Ordinance on insurance business) (2011:257)

Lagen (1995:1560) om årsredovisning i försäkringsföretag (Act on annual accounts in insurance companies)

What information does the business register offer?

Who has the right to access the register?

Anyone can obtain information from the register by contacting the Swedish Companies Registration Office or by going to the website or the *Näringslivsregistret* [Company register].

What information does the register hold?

What types of data are stored? (which entities are recorded in the public register, information on insolvency, accounts, etc.)

The information held includes:

company name

address

registered office

organisation number

information on the directors (members of the board, authorised signatories, CEO, auditor, etc.)

business activity

(for more detailed information see Chapter 2, Sections 14-17 of the Companies Ordinance, Section 4 of the Branches Ordinance, and Chapter 4, Section 19 of the Ordinance (2004:329) on banking and financial operations.

Which documents are filed/stored (case files, collections of documents, articles of association, minutes of general meetings, etc.)?

All documents to be submitted for each case type in accordance with the rules in force, for example:

deeds of establishment

articles of association

annual accounts

notifications

minutes of general meetings

board minutes

bank statements

audit reports

any other documents required.

How can I perform a search (and what are the available search criteria)?

In person

A computer for visitors to search the register is available at reception. You can also order documents from the register from reception.

On the website of the register

From the website, you can access:

the register to see whether a company has submitted its annual accounts or to search for a particular case,

the *Näringslivsregistret* e-service (where certain information is free of charge. Otherwise, you need to register as a customer),

the *Sök företagsinformation* [Search for company information] e-service

What are the available search criteria?

You can search by organisation number, case number, ID number or company name.

How can I obtain documents?

Free of charge?

The Swedish Companies Registration Office charges for documents as it is a fee-funded authority.

For a fee?

By ordering from us. You can pay by invoice or by card.

How can I obtain an extract from the register, certified copy or transcript of documents?

By ordering from us, by calling us, by email or by post. You can pay by invoice or by card.

Registration procedure

How can I launch the registration procedure (how to submit applications to the register, certification of documents, type of documents which need to be attached)?

In person

You submit your application and the required documents for the type of case in paper form. You can also use the Swedish Companies Registration Office's visitors' computers to access [verksamt.se](https://www.verksamt.se) and enter a case.

Online

You can go to [verksamt.se](https://www.verksamt.se) and register a case.

How are submitted applications reviewed?

Cases submitted via e-services ([verksamt.se](https://www.verksamt.se)) are subjected to various machine checks. Some of the cases can be closed automatically in e-services. Others, which cannot be checked electronically, are forwarded to a member of staff for further manual checking. A staff member also checks paper documents.

Legal effects of the registration

Effect of entries on third parties, pursuant to Article 17 of Directive (EU) 2017/1132

The records held by the Swedish Companies Registration Office are public. Recorded information is published in the national publication *Post- och Inrikes Tidningar*. Information recorded in the register and published in *Post- och Inrikes Tidningar* is considered to be public knowledge. It is therefore available to the public and searchable.

Discrepancies between the register entry and its publication

Information submitted for registration is recorded and published. If it is discovered subsequently that inaccurate information has been recorded (and published), it may be necessary to correct it.

Who has the responsibility for the accuracy of the records?

The companies are responsible for the information they submit. The Swedish Companies Registration Office records the information provided, after a legality check.

Data protection procedures

Procedures related to the rights of the data subject regarding publishing and storing their personal data

In our company registers we process the personal data of board members, among other parties. The aim of the registers is to provide information on, for example, business activities, lending, business acquisitions and divestments, and additions to or checks of customer registers. The information can be provided to individuals, companies or authorities requiring information for their activities.

Personal information may be made public and stored provided that it relates to the exercise of authority. By law, personal data are to be recorded.

The Swedish Companies Registration Office is the data controller and ensures that personal data in our registers are handled in line with the provisions on data protection and the specific rules governing the register.

The Swedish Companies Registration Office has appointed a data protection ombudsman to ensure that personal data are handled correctly and legally in operations.

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